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SUMMER HOURS AND PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED AT BATTLEFIELD PARK

FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA -- Summer hours of operation and special summer programs will begin at all of the sites administered by Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park on Saturday, June 11, 2016. Most of the programs are offered through Monday, September 5 (Labor Day), but all are available through Sunday, August 14, 2016.

2016 SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 11 – August 14 (Some programs in effect through September 5)

Audio tours covering the Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House battlefields, each lasting three hours, are available at the visitor center bookstores for rent (with a \$20.00 cash deposit) or purchase.

Fredericksburg Battlefield

Visitor Center

Open daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

22-minute film shown on the hour and half hour (Ages 10-61: \$2.00, Ages 61 and above: \$1.00, Children under 10 are free. Fee can be paid in the Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center Bookstore)

The Visitor Center Bookstore is located on the eastern side of parking lot, open daily 9:00am to 5:00pm. Audio tours are available for purchase or rent at this site.

Sunken Road Walking Tour -- 35-minute guided walk (approximately ½ mile long)

Weekdays: 10:25, 11:25, 1:25, 2:25, 3:25

Weekends: 10:25, 11:25, 12:25, 1:25, 2:25, 3:25 Departs from Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center

Innis House open most days from 9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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Children's Civil War Discovery Programs – 1-hour activity

Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Children's Soldier Life Programs – 1-hour activity

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

Chatham

Historic plantation and Union hospital

Open daily, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Bookstore located inside Chatham manor at the entrance, open daily 9:00am to 4:30pm. Note:

The audio tours are not available at this site.

"Stonewall" Jackson Shrine

Historic building where General Jackson died

Open daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"Stonewall" Jackson Shrine Bookstore located in the office inside the historic building, open daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Note: The audio tours are not available at this site

Chancellorsville Battlefield

Visitor Center

Open daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

22-minute film shown on the hour and half hour(Ages 10-61: \$2.00, Ages 61 and above: \$1.00, Children under 10 are free. Fee can be paid in the Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center Bookstore)

The Visitor Center Bookstore is located inside the visitor center, open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Audio tours are available for purchase or rent at this site.

Jackson Wounding Walking Tour --35-minute guided walk (approximately 150 yards long)

Daily: 10:25, 11:25, 1:25, 2:25, 3:25

Departs from the Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center

Wilderness Battlefield

Wilderness Exhibit Shelter

Park historian on duty to explain the battle Daily from 9:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

"Grant vs. Lee: No Turning Back" Walking Tour

45-minute guided walk daily at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Departs from Wilderness Battlefield Tour Stop #2 (approximately ½ mile long)

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"Into the Wilderness: Control of the Key Intersection"

30-minute program daily at 1:30 pm

Departs from Wilderness Battlefield Tour Stop #8 (approximately ¼ mile long)

Ellwood -- Historic building used as a Union headquarters. Graveyard contains "Stonewall" Jackson's amputated arm. Open daily, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Spotsylvania Court House Battlefield

Spotsylvania Exhibit Shelter

Park historian on duty to explain the battle Daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bloody Angle Walking Tour

45-minute guided walk daily at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Departs from Spotsylvania Battlefield Tour Stop #3 (approximately 3/4 mile long)

A separate press release was issued highlighting our Friday evening History at Sunset series.

Fall hours are anticipated to go into effect on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

For additional information, call The Park Operator Line (540) 693-3200, staffed daily by a park ranger who can provide information and answer questions about all park sites 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m, or check www.nps.gov/frsp.



Jackson's Flank Attack, Chancellorsville Battlefield

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Park Living Historians firing Artillery during 150th Anniversary commemoration at Spotsylvania Courthous Battlefield Photo Credit: NPS/Buddy Secor, https://www.nps.gov/media/photo/view.htm?id=34D7645C-1DD8-B71B-0B53D975830A2636

Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields National Military Park in Northern Virginia was once the bloodiest landscape in North America. Two major Civil War armies clashed in and around Fredericksburg in four pivotal battles within an 18-month span, resulting in 100,000 casualties. The park is the second largest military park in the world and covers four major battlefields and five historic structures. Our dedicated staff works year round to ensure that this important historic and cultural resource is preserved, protected, and interpreted for hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.



